

# U.S. Amateur Championship

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## Garrett Rank

### Press Conference



**Q. How excited are you to start with a 68?**

GARRETT RANK: Yeah, it's a good start. I've been playing well recently, so any time you can keep it around par or a couple under in a USGA event, you've got to be pleased with that.

**Q. Do you think you could have gone lower today?**

GARRETT RANK: Absolutely. The course was playing pretty soft with the rain we got just at the beginning of the round, and I could have been a couple better, but I could have been a couple worse, too. Stayed really patient, really steady, and good, solid round of golf.

**Q. How disappointed were you not to make that short eagle putt on 18?**

GARRETT RANK: Yeah, finishing with an eagle would have made dinner taste pretty good, but it's a birdie, and I was trying to make it, and it just didn't go in.

**Q. How about your play? Obviously you played pretty well at the Canadian Amateur. How about your play this summer so far?**

GARRETT RANK: I mean, had to shake a little bit of rust off after the hockey season, but game has been close, kind of just had a couple bad holes each day like at the Canadian Open, and at the Pan-Am Games was playing awesome golf and just had a few big numbers each day. Again, it's been really close, and it's finally nice to put a few good days together.

**Q. Since you have the other job as a hockey official, how do you balance the two? How do you make it work?**

GARRETT RANK: I think it makes golf a little bit easier because it doesn't matter as much. You're out there knowing that you're just playing for fun now and there's really no repercussions for a great score or a bad score. I take my clubs with me as much as I can on the road, and I played probably 10 rounds of golf this winter. It's not like the clubs were sitting in the closet. Yeah, I was able to get some games in.

**Q. Where is there a West Coast trip that you can do that?**

GARRETT RANK: Well, I went to -- there's a couple American Hockey League teams in Texas, so I took my clubs down there, and California just got five American League teams this year, so I'm sure I'll spend a bunch of time in California.

**Q. Will you be able to play other events besides this one with hockey season coming up?**

GARRETT RANK: Yeah, I'm going to sign up for the U.S. Mid-Am, and I'm opening I can get in. It'll be tough. I'll probably have to ask the NHLOA for a couple days off at the end of the preseason, but I'm hoping I can play, and playing the Canadian Mid-Amateur next week, so yeah, got a few events coming up.